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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE

REF: A. CAPE TOWN 0585; B. USNATO 2947

1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE PROVIDED TO DEPT. SPOKESMAN
FOR USE AT MAY 28 PRESS BRIEFING. NO QUESTIONS WERE ASKED
ON SUBJECT. POSTS MAY USE AT THEIR DISCRETION.

2. "THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS ON MAY 23 CARRIED A STORY FROM
BRUSSELS REPORTING THE VIOLENT OPPOSITION OF DUTCH DEFENSE
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MINISTER VREDELING TO AN ALLEGED PLAN TO ESTABLISH A MAJOR

NATO INTELLIGENCE MONITORING INSTALLATION IN SOUTH AFRICA. THE NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT NATO SOURCES AS WELL AS VREDELING REFUSED TO NAME THE COUNTRY WHICH HAD PROPOSED THE PLAN. THE ARTICLES NEVERTHELESS REPORT THAT "APPARENTLY" THE SUGGESTION HAD BEEN MADE BY K.S. DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AND WAS SUPPORTED BY BRITAIN AND FRANCE. THE PRESS REPORTS CONCLUDE THAT IF THE PROPOSAL CAME FROM THE U.S., IT IS LIKELY THAT LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE WITH THE SAG.

3. "QUESTION: WHAT IS THE TRUTH OF REPORTS IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS THAT THE U.S. HAS SUGGESTED A PLAN TO ESTAB-

LISH A MAJOR NATO INTELLIGENCE MONITORING INSTALLATION IN SOUTH AFRICA AND SPECULATION THAT THE U.S. HAS HAD LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SUBJECT WITH THE SAG?

4. "ANSWER: THE U.S. HAS NOT PROPOSED TO NATO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY KIND OF DEFENSE INSTALLATION IN SOUTH AFRICA AND NO CONTACTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND SOUTH AFRICA REGARDING THIS SUBJECT." DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE
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